(c) by when a decision is expected?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) So far 70 sittings have been held by the Arbitrator. The last sitting was held on 23rd July, 1984.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Arbitrator. The delay is not on the part of the Railways.

(c) As the arbitration proceedings are still in progress, it is not possible to predict, when the award will be given by the Arbitrator.

Stone quarries of Eastern Railways

1596. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is afect that the Eastern Railways have their own stone quarries in Sheikhpura area of Mungher District in Bihar where stone-breaking is done at Rs. 25/- per cubic metre only whereas the contractors supply stone metal at Rs. 50 to Rs. 55/- per cubic metre; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sheikhpura is nearer to Danapur Division of Eastern Railways than Jamalpur from where the contractors supply stone metal and the freight charges are higher for stone metal supplied by the contractors and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for closing down their own quarries, numbers one to four, by the Eastern Railways in Sheikhpura area and instead placing orders for supply of stone metal from the contractors?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a fact that Sheikhpura is nearer to Danapur Division by about 6 Km. than Jamalpur. The difference in freight charges is, however, not much.

(c) The Eastern Railway has not closed down their own quarry in Sheikhpura area. It is still very much in use and stone ballast is being supplied from Sheikhpura quarry. However, this quarry has some operational constraints in the placement/withdrawal of ballast trains due to which the supply of stone ballast from Sheikhpura quarry alone can not meet the entire demand of Danapur Division. Therefore the Railway has to take supply of ballast from the private quarry at Jamalpur to meet its total requirements.

Non-Mixing of Full Ingredients by M/s. Ranbaxi Ltd.

1597. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s Ranbaxi Ltd. sell their products at prices lower than their cost of production and do not mix all the ingredients in their products but print only the names thereof; and

(b) whether any raid is proposed to be conducted on their manufacturing units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KMUDBHEN M. JOSHI): (a) No case of this nature has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

1598. [*Transferred to the 13th August*, 1984].

Production and sale of Sub-Standard Capsules by M/s. Associated Pharma Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

1599. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s Associated Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Kirti Nagar, New Delhi has produced and sold tetracyclene and other capsules which are sub-standard and only HALDI was packed in capsule caps and sold in the market; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?